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STORM COVERS THE COUNTRY

SEVERE WEATHER REPORTED FROM ALL REGIONS.

soon, sleet, Hall and Sand Storms in the West and Southwest-Wind Rises to seventy Miles an Hour-Trains Lost in Snew-Many Persons Injured.

n many parts of the country to the west

rain and sleet raged through many States Brokaw is no longer responsible. before striking Chicago, according to despatches and reports to local telegraph crippled and telegraph and telephone communication between this city and almost stopped by damage to wires. Between Chicago and St. Paul direct be further developments to-day. communication ceased for hours. Between Chicago and Milwaukee poles by the dozen were reported down.

been abandoned in northern Iowa and February 17. washouts were numerous in that region.

were subject to long delays made by rator. numerous relays.

The usual telegrams of the Weather Bureau here were incomplete owing to the curtailment of telegraphic facilities. The Canadian and American Northwest and most of the country west of the Missouri River failed to report.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Jan. 29.-Passenger rain 23 on the southern Minnesota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Paul Railway, running between Lacrosee and Wessington Springs, S. D., s stuck in a snow drift west of Jackson, Minn., and has been there since 10:30 last night with no early prospect of release The train has a large passenger list and eing a day train with no sleeper or citner, it has no accommodations for assengers in the plight in which they ow first themselves. A relief train was arted out last night, but it failed to get rough and is now lost, with the despatchers unable to locate it. Passenger ain 23 on the La Crosse division of he same road was wrecked early to-day at Portage, Wis., when it ran into a snow or ft. Nobody was injured.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 29 .- The worst blizzard in twenty-five years is raging Western prairies to-day. in Omaha the wind reached sixty-six anged below zero all night and indications for murder. are for the same weather for the next

Yamara being probably fatally injured the bricks from a chimney.

Two blocks of train sheds at the Union Pacific transfer depot at Council Bluffs were blown down this morning. While crossing the Missouri River bridge just makers as one who has studied it. efore noon to-day a caboose attached to a Union Pacific freight train was lifted bodily and thrown down the high embankment leading to the bridge. A trainman in the car was badly injured.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29 .- During the storm here to-day Charles Bernard, a plasterer, was blown off the Kansas City Southern bridge and killed. The wind heavy plank was blown off a building the business district and driven enmy through a horse. There were nany minor accidents.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 29 .- A terrific now and wind storm is reported in the anadian West. The telegraph lines are own and the country there is suffering e did Montreal on Sunday and Monday ast, when for forty hours there was no mmunication between this city and he cutside world owing to the tearing lown of the telephone and telegraph rires by the rain and sleet.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 29 .- Railroads entring in Milwaukee report the abancoment of many trains because of inabilty to operate without telegraph facilities. Petween Chicago and Milwaukee the poles and wires were torn down for miles.

winds and snow form a combination that has seriously interfered with wire mmunication in many parts of the South and has practically isolated the State of Texas. At some points in Texas and the Democrats by minority Leader and Oklahoma the wind blew at the rate | Clark of Missouri. seventy miles an hour, carrying a mall buildings demolished. Several per-

ay and continues here to-night. Weather | be named by the committees. Forecaster Bowie reported this evening camer Chester and harbor boat Erastus commit themselves on the Speakers olls parted from their rear lines and

lany plate glass windows were blown In Missouri and Illinois the blizzard ontinues. At Jefferson City, Mo., it Toke the recent storm record made here when Hadley was inaugurated overnor. It was unprecedented in the Wark fruit region of southwest Missouri. Western Arkansas and southern Kansas owns were hard hit. It is the worst zzard in fifteen years in the lower

tentral Illinois reports the worst blizand in twenty years to-night

Deerfoot Farm Sousages.

of the tender meat of little pigs and
her spices. You have never tasted perfect
here unless you have tried them.—Adv.

Isaac V. Brokaw Not Longer on Son-in Law's Bond - Partner Arrested Too.

Carl Fischer-Hansen, the lawyer, and his partner, Alexander Michaelson, who were indicted recently on charges of bribing a witness, were locked up at Police Headquarters last night.

Isaac V. Brokaw of 1 East Seventyninth street, Fischer-Hansen's father-in-GRICAGO, Jan. 29 .- A storm that proved law, gave bail for the two when they were arrested, \$15,000 for Fischer-Hansen and north to be the severest of the season and \$10,000 for his partner. Their rearrest struck Chicago this afternoon in a whirl may be due either to the bondsmen's surrender of the bond or the order of the The wind and snow accompanied by District Attorney. In either case Mr.

Mr. Jerome said last night that he had issued warrants for the two because he and railroad offices. Train service was wanted to have them where he could lay his hands on them. He wouldn't say Department had decided to drop finger whether Mr. Brokaw had asked to be points west, northwest and north were relieved of his responsibility. The District Attorney intimated that there would Fischer-Hansen and Michaelson were

arrested on January 13, on the charge of bribing a witness. A few days ago The telegraph service of the railroads Fischer-Hansen and Michaelson pleaded was severely crippled at some points. not guilty to the indictment before Justice It was reported that many trains had Dowling, who fixed the date of trial for

The indictments pending against West of Kansas City all wire service Fischer-Hansen and his partner charge practically ceased in the early hours of them with bribing Tony Macaluso, a the day. Between Kansas City and witness in the trial of Fischer-Hansen for Omaha no communication existed and extortion last June on charges brought messages between Chicago and Omaha by Joseph O'Brien, a Philadelphia deco-

PERSIAN PROVINCES REVOLT. Expel the Shah's Governors and Defeat Army He Sends to Subdue Them.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 29 .- A despatch from Teheran to the Russ says that uprisings recently took place in the provinces of Osalem and Kargenerud and that the inhabitants expelled the Governors.

The Shah, it is said, ordered Gen. Liakhoff, the Russian commander of the Persian troops in Teheran, to send a repressive expedition, and a detachment of soldiers at once started for the disturbed districts under command of three Generals and well provided with artil-

A messenger, the Russ's correspondent says, has just arrived at Teheran with the news that the expedition has been completely routed and that the three Generals abandoned their men and took

WILL HEAR MURDERER SPEAK. Doomed Man to Address North Dakota Legislature on Capital Punishment,

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 29.-The two houses of the State Legislature will have miles an hour for five minutes last an address on capital punishment within night and for three hours the range a few days by I. B. M. Noah, who is in as over sixty miles. The temperature the penitentiary waiting to be hanged

Noah is a man of middle age and a A number of people in Omaha were ago he sent a message to the Legislature political reasons, and taking good, sturdy njured by flying défris, Miss Mae Mc- asking permission to address it on In his letter Noah says that he is not opposed to capital punishment, although under sentence of death, but that he wants to present the question to the law-

MEDAL FOR JOHN BINNS France to Honor the Republic's Wireless Operator for Life Saving

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, Jan. 29 .- The Government has decided to award a medal for life saving to John Binns, the wireless telegraph operator of the steamer Republic, for him 100 feet from the bridge. A his fine conduct after the collision between that vessel and the Fiorida

FIGHT AGAINST HOUSE RULES. Republican Insurgents Propose an Alllance With the Democrats.

store for the House organization in the new Congress if the Republican insurgents against the rules prove successful with a plan that has just been formed. It was learned to-day that the Republican insurgents have proposed an alliance with the Democratic minority with a view to preventing the readoption of the present rules when the House is organized at the beginning of the special session. The protocol is under consideration by the Democratic leaders. If they agree to it they will insist that the Republican insur-FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 29.-High gents give assurances in writing that they will stay in the fight to the finish. In the negotiations looking to the proposed alliance the insurgents have been represe nted by Mr. Hepburn, the veteran Iowan,

The insurgents have completed their nding storm of dust. At Fort Worth programme of the changes in the rules wnings and signs were torn away and which they will endeavor to enforce upon the leadership in the House. It provides sons are reported to have sustained slight | that a great deal of the power now vested in the Speaker shall be given to a Commit-St. Louis. Jan. 29.-The mighty bliz- tee on Rules selected by the party caucus. ard from the Southwest, which has done | No effort will be made to change the pracareat damage in that section, is subsiding tice of permitting the Speaker to name Oklahoma and southwest Missouri. It the other House committees, but the insiddenly struck St. Louis at midnight Fri- surgents will insist that chairmen shall

The fight over the rules will not hat his anemometer, which registers by forced at this session. The plan is to the hour, showed the wind's velocity here bring the question up at a conference obe forty-eight miles an hour but that to be held just before the usual caucus at there were gusts of sixty to seventy-five the beginning of a new Congress. If the ones an hour. Shipping was damaged leaders will agree to modify the present n St. Louis harbor, where old river men procedure the insurgents will go into the ay they never experienced a gale of equal caucus. If the leaders express opposiorce and continuity. All boats had been tion the insurgents will remain away from senforced with extra lines, but the the caucus, refusing at the same time to

It is estimated by Representative Hep-burn and other insurgents that there will be 42 Republicans in the next House who will stand out against the present rules.

York Mounted Police at the Inauguration of President Taft. Major Sylvester. Chief of Police Washington, D. C., has invited the

of the New York department to take part in the Inauguration Day parade. He hopes to have four troops of Schmitt-

FISCHER-HANSEN LOCKED UP. GRAFT? YES, SAYS BINGHAM

BUT IT'S HARD TO PROVE IN THE CASE OF STREET WOMEN.

And as Things Are Now the Police Cannot Check the Traffic in Immigrant Women - Commissioners Sharply Critielse the Rollings of the Magistrates.

Police Commissioner Bingham and Page committee's investigation into the Commissioner Woods said that the Police effectiveness, because the Magistrates wouldn't take the finger prints into consideration.

As to whether police take graft from street women Commissioner Bingham some consideration paid by the woman person recognizing the voices of the for getting off with a fine, the Commission person recognizing the voices of the for getting off with a fine, the Commission person recognizing the voices of the formula for getting of the person recognizing the voices of the formula for getting the voices of th sioner said; but he finds it hard to prove it. conversation between the parties. Jus- life was very large.

slave traffic among immigrants in all the proposed witness had been so placed slave traffic the whole social evil would competent and relevant to the issues be ameliorated. I say to you frankly that under the present conditions we can do nothing toward the control of this evil. In twenty years I or any other honest, sincere man could reduce it to the

minimum of bad effect. "To do anything with this question you must call off the ministers. They mean well, but they are ignorant of the subject. A certain very distinguished man was the cause of more evil to this community in the last four years than any other factor."

Commissioner Ringham said he didn't believe the police often made mistakes in the arrests of women, because if they eee a woman accost two men in a dark street at 1 o'clock in the morning they know she is not asking the time of day.

The system of placing policemen in Magistrates - courts as court officers is an evil and should be abolished, said the Commissioner. He recommended that the Poard of Magistrates be empowered to appoint court officers to serve subpænas, look after probationary prisoners and perform other duties connected with

the courts. "Under the conditions now prevailing," said Gen. Pingham, "I want to put old men, unfit for patrol duty, in the police courts, but the Magistrates insist upon student of criminology. A few days naming their own men for personal or policemen from regular police work.

Commissioner Pingham said he would fine as a penalty for a plea of guilty on minor charges. At present, he said, some tain class of offenders, while others are too lenient. He would also like to see lawyers from the Corporation Counsel's office in the courts to lock after cases taken to court by the policemen, because the police are not expected to be lawyers and are often hoodwinked by clever

lawyers. Gen. Bingham said be also wanted to see some method fixed by which evidence in excise cases could be held down to common sense. Some Magistrates when a policeman puts a bottle of whiskey in evidence will not accept it unless the policeman can describe its chemical makeup, the Commissioner said.

Deputy Commissioner Woods, in speak ng of the use of finger prints, said that tests made by the police here and in Europe showed that the prints do not fail once in 3,000,000 times.

Commissioner Hanson, who also testified on this subject, said that many of the Magistrates would not consider prints as evidence at all, while others changed their attitude when it was explained to them. The department's test of these finger prints was made largely in the West Thirtieth street station during three months last summer. One woman arrested eight times in that period and giving a different name each time was detected by their use

On the leniency of the Magistrates toward these women Mr. Hanson said that the police could not clean the streets unless the Magistrates send some of the women to the workhouse. He said that out of sixty-one women sent to the work house last summer whose records were followed up twenty-nine got out much quicker than they should under the law. You can generally tell from the looks of the streets which Magistrate is sitting in the night court," said Commissioner Hanson. "When Magistrate A, who sends women to the workhouse, is there you can't see a street walker, but when

Magistrate B, who fines them, is on the bench the streets fill up again. Mr. Hanson said that he favored abolishing arrests for minor offences, such as violation of corporation ordinances, rules of the road, health, building and tenement laws, &c., and said that the police might be provided with a book of summonses so that they could serve them in such cases. It is likely that the committe will include in its report to the Legislature

a recommendation along this line. Magistrate Kernochan, who was called as a witness, said he never new of a Magistrate 'browbeating a policeman and compelling him to sign an affidavit that he had no evidence," as Commissioner Hanson had testified. Magistrate Kernochan recommended that another night court be established, to be situated further up town.

mounted policemen of the traffic squad Third Cabin as Christ Would Have Dene. Messrs. Frank Carpenter and John Hewes, Episcopal clergymen of Nassau, President Roosevelt and accompany him from the White House to the Capitol. After the inauguration ceremonies they will act as President Taft's escort.

Acting Chief Inspector Schmittberger will be in command, with Capt. Boettler and Lieuts. Corbett and Himmel as aids.

Sengers by the Cunard liner Mauretania, from Liverpool and Queenstown. To those who expressed surprise that clergy-funds and estate of the city of New and to the plaintiff as a taxpayer. The papers were referred to the practice of humility. We believe that Christ would not have travelled in the first cabin. New Providence, were third class pas-

Appellate Term Would Admit Testimony of One Who Overheard It.

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In reversing a judgment rendered in the Ninth District Municipal Court the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court handed down a decision yesterday in which it was held that evidence to cor-

roborate proof of a telephone conversation should have been admitted Troy T. Rimes was the plaintiff in the action brought egainst N. L. Carpenter and others who acted as his brokers. Deputy Commissioners Hanson and The issue in the action turned on the terms Woods were witnesses yesterday in the of certain orders given by Mrs. Rimes, acting for her husband, over the telephone to a representative of the brokers. The inferior courts of the city. Both Gen. defendants sought to introduce the tes-Bingham and Mr. Hanson sharply criti- timony of a witness who had listened pised the present conduct of the City to the telephone conversation over an

Magistrates, especially in the cases of extension wire, but his evidence, as well women arrested for street walking, as all proof tending to corroborate the conversation, was excluded because the proposed witness had heard the conversation on another instrument and in prints as evidence in spite of their great another room than that occupied by the representative of the brokers who spoke with Mrs. Rimes.

Justice Bischoff for the Appellate Term says that it is a rule of law that a conversation overheard between two parties whose voices are recognizable may said he believed that they do. It is an be established as evidence in an action. easy matter for a policeman to take a He adds that he cannot perceive any woman to the night court, threaten her distinction in principle is such a case with imprisonment and get his share of in the fact that the conversation occurred over the telephone where another "Gentlemen," said Gen. Bingham, "I tice Bischoff adds that it would appear assure you that what is called the white that the defendants could have proved, parts of New York is a crying evil. If as to be able to hear everything that you knew the extent of it it would break passed over the telephone wire, and if

NO TAG DAY TO-DAY.

Mayor and Bingham Hesten to Say That They Issued No Permit.

In reply to statements from various sources that he has issued a permit for villages and towns were affected. "tag day" to-day Mayor McClellan said yesterday that the only expression he has made on the subject is contained in the following letter to Luigi Solari, of the Italian Chamber of Commerce, written on January 14:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of you letter of January 12 outlining your plans to raise funds for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in southern Italy.

As far as enlisting the services of school part of the coast. children for the purpose of what you describe as a "tag day" is concerned, that of possibly the Board of Aldermen if children are to do anything on the public

As to the proposed evening performance assume that you mean to keep any performance given strictly within the law.

After this statement had been issued Police Commissioner Bingham received | aga. a letter from Mrs. Paul Gerli of 251 West .. The disturbances caused slight panics Seventy-fourth street, president of the to-day, Comitato Centrale Italiano di Soccorso, stating that the Mayor had issued a When Commissioner Bingham learned that the Mayor had not done so he announced that no "tagging" would be permitted to-day.

Mrs. Gerli said later that the committee had decided not to have school children do any tagging and she was Magistrates are very severe with a cer- under the impression that under those circumstances the Mayor had given his

While no order was sent out vesterday was said at Headquarters that the police will prevent "tagging" to-day

TAFT ON THE ISTHMUS. Had a Fine Run to Colon-Wants Independent Information.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. party arrived here this morning. The weather was perfect during the entire

There was a slight mishap on the first night out, when the Montana's starboard engine blew out a steam valve. She lav to an hour and the North Carolina was forty-two miles ahead before the Montana proceeded. The Montana overhauled the North Carolina thirty hours later after a remarkable run averaging nineteen knots with an impaired engine.

Mr. Taft signalled his congratulations and the Montana's crew celebrated their

performance. Col. Goethals met Mr. Taft at Colon. Taft has gone to Col. Goethals's house at

Culebra and the engineers to Ancon. PANAMA, Jan. 26 .- President Obaldia and the members of his cabinet went from here to Culebral where they welcomed Mr. Taft and his party. Mr. Taft met the members of the Canal Commission, and with them laid out plans for his stay He will remain on the Isthmus until February 8. To-morrow he will come to the city of Panama to visit President

Obaldia, and subsequently in company with the engineers he will inspect the lock sides on this side of the Isthmus. On Sunday an inspection will be made of the Gatun dam. On Monday Mr. river of medium size. Taft and the engineers will cover the entire canal route. Most time will be spent in the investigation of the Gatun

considerable unfavorable criticism In an address to the engineers Mr. Taft said he wanted the most independent opinions from them, regardless of any former decisions.

dam, concerning which there has been

42D ST. IMPROVEMENT HALTED. Taxpayer Declares That the Plans Would Violate His Rights.

While the Board of Estimate was in session vesterday afternoon a restraining order signed by Supreme Court Justice them from taking any action on the proposed plan to depress Forty-second

posed plan to depress Forty-second street with a tunnel passing under Fifth avenue for the purpose of relieving traffic on the cross street, which the board expected to act on yesterday.

The order was obtained by Walter J. Salomon as a taxpayer. He contends that any action by the board "approving plans for the depressing and authorizing contracts therefor and the issue of corporate bonds in payment therefor would be an illegal official act, the commission of which would produce injury to the funds and estate of the city of New York and to the plaintiff as a taxpayer." The papers were referred to the Cor-oration Counsel. Salomon owns the Bristol Building, at the northwest corner of the intersection of the streets involved.

TELEPHONE TALK AS EVIDENCE. WAVE DROWNS BARCELONA?

RUMORS OF DIRE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN SPAIN.

ities and Towns Shaken Through East and South-Part of Great Scaport Said to Be Swallowed by the Mediterranean-Wire-Connection Cut Off.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 29 .- Some of the despatches coming in here to-night from oints in Spain assert that the great seaport city of Barcelona, in the northern section of the Mediterranean coastline. the series of earthquakes which shook eastern and southern portions of the Spanish peninsula to-day.

Other reports have it that there was nerely a fearful panic in the city when the buildings began to rock. Later despatches, however, appear to confirm the story of disaster. So far it has been either version.

These later despatches reiterate the report that Barcelona suffered greatly from a tidal wave following the movement of the earth.

It is said in one despatch that the city was overwhelmed and that the loss of It is judged here from the sources of the

telegrams, none of which comes from

Barcelona direct, that the telegraph lines

near the city have been destroyed. The time of the earthquake is not given. your hearts. If we could stop the white so his testimony should be admitted as The disturbance is also reported to have caused considerable damage along the

> killed. Further details are anxiously awaited of the damage in Spain, where numerous dead

hundred persons are said to have been

The news agency despatches earlier in the evening simply represented that trank Has a Scheme to Offset would not appear in the committee's several towns and villages had been devastated. It was then said that there was a frightful panic in Barcelona.

All accounts agree that there were wave which submerged a considerable by the Canadian Pacific. Promenades and buildings at Barcelona

course is a matter which you will have to disappeared into the sea, according to submit to the Board of Education and the later versions. The loss of life is not yet known. Madrid, Jan. 29 .- Earthquakes are

reported from many places in the east and south of Spain, notably in the neighborhoods of Barcelona, Murcia and Mal-

A considerable landslide destroyed the

and scores of persons were killed or injured.

largest city in Spain after Madrid, and is excluding from the debt limit rapid the most impotrant maritime, commercial transit and dock bonds which earn their and industrial centre in Spain. Its popu- interest and amortization charge over lation when it annexed its suburbs and their operating and repair expenses, or manufacturing quarters not long ago whether some other amendment ought to was over 500,000. It consists of the old city, formerly

surrounded by walls which have been Hanover National Bank, has been made converted into promenades, and numerous suburbs of modern architecture. The Cathedral of Barcelona occupies the highest part of the centre of the old city where there were formerly a Roman temple and Moorish mosque. It is a magnificent building dating back from the thirteenth century, with twentysix chapels dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

The city has a large number of numberies of Barcelona, founded in 1450. It has also Mayor's office and consented to serve. many theatres.

being governed by a council elected by all the citizens over 25.

The city was founded by the Phæniname from Hamilear Barca, the father of the Powers at Sofia to-day in reference of Carthaginian power. It became more versions received here as to the tenor important under the Romans, Goths and of the note are divergent. Saracens, and in the latter half of the ninth century became an independent sovereignty under a Christian chief.

It has been the centre of reactionary and radical agitations, the scene of Soarchist activity, and the stronghold of Church and State separatism.

Rome. It is built on an undulating plain. and take steps to safeguard her national which slopes gradually up from the shore interests. to ranges of hills called the Tibidabo and Montañas Malas. These ranges are that the diplomatists regard the note

On the south side of the city by the water's edge is the hill known as Montaña de Montjuich. Vessels lying in the port anchor off the Barceloneta and passengers are taken

ashore in boats. FINED FOR SPITTING.

Another Passenger Made It His Business to Have Offender Arrested.

yesterday when he saw a man spitting on the floor. "Don't you know you are violating the Erlanger was served on the Mayor and other members of the board enjoining them from taking any action on the promind your own business," retorted the other passenger, as he expectorated again.
"That's my business, and I am going to arrest you," said the draughtsman, puting his hand on the other's shoulder.

was in a Madison avenue trolley car

It looked as though there was to be a scrap, but the conductor stopped the car at the corner of Fiftieth street and called Policeman Reilly, who took the prisoner to the Yorkville police court. The man said he was Carroll Silverman, a clerk, of 51 East Ninety-seventh street. Kohler went along and made a

Kohler went along complaint.

"You should go to the tuberculosis exhibit and learn something. I'll fine you \$5 this time; if you come before me again on such a complaint I'll commit you the workhouse," said Magistrate

AIRSHIP TO LIVE ON.

New Zeppelin Flyer to Have Stateroom and Space for Hammocks.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. GENEVA, Jan. 29 .- A newspaper states that a new Zeppelin airship is now being completed which will have a luxuriously furnished saloon cabin, with two bedrooms, one with a bed for the commander and the other with hammocks for the

NEW ISSUE OF PEOPLES GAS. Chicago Hears That \$10,000,000 More

Stock Will Be Put Out. CHICAGO, Jan. 29 .- It was rumored towas overwhelmed by a tidal wave during day that the Peoples Gas, Light and Coke Company contemplated an issue of \$10.-000,000 stock to be offered to shareholders at par. The local official of the company who usually speaks for its financial opera-

tions is out of the city. of the company's business. It is not probable the money will all be expended at once or that the authorized increase impossible to get exact verification of will be issued at one time. It is reasonably certain the company would not put out a stock issue of sufficient size to impair the present dividend rate of 6 per cent. The stock has been gradually advancing during the last week and reached 109% several days ago.

TILL ROOSEVELT DIES. Or Admiral Evans Dies, Last Fleet in-

structions Will Be Secret. CINCINNATI, Jan. 29.-Rear Admiral Robley Evans delivered a lecture here 1907 was at its height. In other words, to-night under the auspices of the Y. M. these questions were designed to bring C. A. His topic was the trip of the fleet out whether President Roosevelt, even under his command.

He said that when he parted with President Roosevelt at Hampton Roads was justified in giving his consent that northern coast of Morocco, where several starting on that voyage, the President the merger should be made gave his final instructions in secret, which instructions Admiral Evans said would not be made public, in so far as he could say, until he or Roosevelt or both were

C. P. R.'s Recent Acquisitions. MONTREAL, Jan. 29. - The Grand Trunk subterranean roarings, followed by a the purchase of the Wisconsin Central

disappeared into the sea, according to Chicago to St. Faul and thence to Winni- this firm. Judge Gary and Mr. Frick were connecting link.

The Dominion Government is undernecessary cash.

Mayor Names Seven Bankers to Consider Proposed Amendments. Mayor McClellan yesterday appointed village of Romara, near Tetuan, Morocco, a committee of seven prominent bankers to confer and report to him whether it would be wise to have the Legislature adopt the suggested constitutional amend-Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, ment increasing the debt limit of the city and of the province of Barcelona, is the from 10 to 14 per cent, or the amendment

be adopted. James T. Woodward, president of the chairman of the committee, and the other members are Edwin S. Marston, dent of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company; Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank; J. R. Morgan, George Blumenthal of Lazard Frères, Francis L. Hine, president of the First National Bank, and John E. Borne, chairman of the board of directors of the Trust Company

of America. Previous to the announcement of their and monasteries and also the University appointment the bankers met at the

In its administration Barcelona is the IS IT BULGARIA'S ULTIMATUM most autonomous municipality in Spain, Two Versions of Note to the Powers

-Turkey Hears of Disbanding Troops. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN LONDON, Jan. 29.-Bulgaria sent

According to one account it is a bitter complaint against Turkey's intransigeant responsibility if peace is broken. Another version is that Bulgaria offers to pay

The authors of the latter version say separated by the valley of the Besos, a as an ultimatum and that the situation is critical.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 29.—The Governor of Adrianople has telegraphed to the syndicate's operations thereafter. Ministry of the Interior that Bulgaria is disbanding her reservists.

FIRE AUTO'S GOOD RUN. Tender 72 Had Its First Tryout in Last

The new automobile high pressure tender 72, which has been in commis-Louis F. Kohler, a draughtsman, who sion only a few days and is at Twelfth lives at 362 Cypress avenue, The Bronx, street and University place, had its first service tryout last night, and surprised Fifth avenue. It went up the avenue through the snow and sleet at a speed a little better than twenty miles an hour and beat every other engine to a fire on the eighth story of a twelve story building at 12 and 14 West Twenty-first street. Thorne had explained in his statement

When the alarm was sounded the auto tender flashed out of the firehouse and had no interest in the company except through Twelfth street into Fifth avenue. as loaners of money. The Trust Company There the man on the seat let out a few kinks and pedestrians along the slippery sidewalks were of the belief that the with it. big, noiseless car that sped by them was Manhattan.

The fire was in the place of A. Adler. maker of costumes. One line of high pressure hose had it out in twenty minutes The damage was estimated at about \$500.

HAAN'S RESTAURANT. Park Row Bldg. Long famous for cuisine and service. Music.

GEO. W. PERKINS TESTIFIES

GIVES HISTORY OF THE SO-CALLED STEEL MERGER.

He Says the Steel Corporation Took the Tennessee Company's Stock Out of Various Loans to Prevent Fallures Trust Co. of America Not in It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.-In continuance of its investigation to ascertain whether President Roosevelt violated the antitrust law in giving his consent to the United States Steel Corporation to acquire control of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, acting under authority of the full committee and by direction of the Senate, to-day heard the testimony of Oakleigh Thorne, presi-It was said that the proceeds of the sale dent of the Trust Companyof America, and would be used in the ordinary extension George W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan & Co., who were subpænaed in the understanding that they knew why the merger was brought about.

> It was evident from questions asked that some members of the sub-committee were anxious to ascertain whether it was really necessary to permit the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Tennessee company's stock by the Steel Corporation in order to save a New York financial institution from ruin and thus prevent widespread failures at the time when the financial panic of the autumn of if he did not violate the law in so doing.

The testimony given brought out that the Trust Company of America was not the financial institution involved, but that it was another concern, the name of which was given to the committee by Mr. TO PURCHASE GREAT WESTERN. Perkins with the understanding that it

On November 4, 1907, Judge E. H. Railway has begun negotiations with the Gary and H. C. Frick, representing the Great Western Railway with a view to Steel Corporation, called on President purchasing the line in order to counteract Roosevelt and told him that a certain business firm would fail that week if securities of the Tennessee Coal and To successfully compete with the Iron Company which it held were not Canadian Pacific Railway the Grand Trunk taken over by the Steel Corporation. has decided that it must have a line from The President was not told the name of peg. The Great Western offers such a uncertain whether the acquisition of the Tennessee company's stock by the Steel Corporation would be in violation of the stood to have promised assistance in the anti-trust law, and. President Roosevelt, matter by finding a part at least of the as he explained in a special message sent to the Senate on January 6, answered that while, of course, I could not advise TO ADVISE ON DEBT LIMIT. them to take the action proposed. I felt it no public duty of mine to interpose any

Subsequently Attorney-General Bonaparte advised the President that in his opinion sufficient ground did not exist for legal proceedings against the Steel Corporation on account of the acquieition. Whether President Roosevelt a Attorney-General Bonaparte were justi fied in their action and opinion the sub committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee is endeavoring to ascertain. Meanwhile an effort is being made by Senate leaders to drop the proceedings on the ground that no possible good can be accomplished through action by the Senate, particularly as Mr. Roosevelt, against whose course the inquiry an parently is aimed, will retire from office

in little more than a month. What attitude the sub-committee main tains toward this effort has not been dis closed, but there are indications that its members feel that whether Mr. Roose velt is to remain in office or not it is the duty of the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate the matter thoroughly and make a report to the Senate for whatever

action the Senate deems fit to take.

It came out in the testimony given by Mr. Thorne and Mr. Perkins to-day that a syndicate had been formed in New York for the purpose, which it accomplished of getting control of a majority of the Tennessee company's stock. The business firm whose failure was regarded as imminent if it did not dispose of its Tencians and is said to have derived its early circular note to the representatives of nessee company securities to the Steel Corporation, or at least the junior member Hannibal, who made it one of the centres to her relations with Turkey, but the of the firm and others, had organized the syndicate. Loans obtained with this Tennessee company's stock as security were called in the panic of 1907 and it was feared that the business firm represented attitude and a repudiation of Bulgaria's to have been involved in the matter would be unable to meet them and would go to the wall unless it obtained money or marcialist and Carlist uprisings and of an- Turkey \$16,400,000 on condition that the ketable securities. When permission was latter immediately recognizes Bulgaria's given by President Roosevelt for the Steel independence. Otherwise Bulgaria will Corporation to acquire the Tennessee The city lies in the same latitude as withdraw all her offers of compensation company's securities the stock of the Ten nessee company was exchanged for Stee! Corporation marketable bonds.

> Mr. Thorne testified that he was a member of the syndicate, but that after paying for his stock, 12,500 shares, which he owned personally, he took it out of the syndicate and was not familiar with the said that the Trust Company of America had no interest in the stock of the Tennessee company as owner, not having owned a share. On November 1, 1907 it had \$482,700 loaned to six individuals holding the Tennessee stock at 60 as col lateral, but these loans were all paid of when demanded. In addition to the Tennessee company's stock the Trust Company of America had as security, he said the indorsement of the men to whom the money was loaned, each of whom was financially able to meet his obligations. That, he explained, was the only connection of the Trust Company of America with the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company; and the company, as Mr. given out by him on November 5, 1907, of America, he said, had no interest in the transfer and had nothing to do

In answer to questions by Senator violating every speed limit known to Culberson Mr. Thorne said that Grant B. Schley and Charles Guthrie were the original syndicate managers. When Mr Guthrie died Leonard Hanna was substituted as syndicate manager in his place Mr. Thorne said that all the dealings he had in connection with the Tennessee company's syndicate were with these syndicate managers and not with the firm